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### LONDON JEWISH QUARTER HARD HIT IN NEW NAZI RAIDS; MANY KILLED

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- A predominantly Jewish quarter of London suffered heavily in the latest Nazi air raids, it was made known today. Many Jews were killed and scores of shops and houses destroyed by high explosives and incendiaries.

A bitterly-weeping crowd yesterday attended memorial services for persons entombed in the destruction of a clubhouse during an air raid. The service was held in a synagogue adjacent to the club which, miraculously, was untouched.

A large number of persons, including children and German refugees, who had been sheltered in the club were feared killed and their bodies buried in the debris. The club was 40 years old. (The club, whose name was not given in the cable, presumably for reasons of military censorship, apparently was hit in the air raid on London on Wednesday night.)

Although it was Passover, several thousand persons were trying to salvage their possessions from wrecked and burned apartment buildings. A famous market which had been hit in a previous raid was completely demolished this time. There were craters today where once stalls had stood.

Four Jewish fire-watchers were killed in one building.

### MENDES FRANCE, MEMBER OF OLD FRENCH JEWISH FAMILY, FACES COURT MARTIAL

VICHY, April 20. (JTA) -- Former Deputy Mendes France, member of one of the oldest Jewish families in Bayonne, will shortly be court-martialled on a charge of deserting the army, it was officially stated today.

The wife and son of Andre Albert Blumel, former director of the Blum Cabinet, have been arrested and imprisoned at Perpignan, southern France, it was learned here today.

Both left France and went to Spain sometime last June, but recently were expelled by the Spanish authorities to France. They are now accused of illegally crossing the border.

The number of expropriated Jewish firms reached 2,304 today with publication of a new list of 151 enterprises.

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Meanwhile, Raymond Berr, mining engineer, was exempted from the anti-Jewish statute for "conspicuous scientific services" in the field of synthetic carburants.

### Deat Urges Action Against French-Born Jews

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- Marcel Deat, French rightist leader, declared over the Paris radio today that elimination of French-born as well as foreign Jews was essential to France's incorporation in the "new order."

### MASS RAIDS ON REFUGEES IN MARSEILLE PROTESTED

MARSEILLE, April 20. (JTA) -- Indiscriminate mass raids against alien Jews were protested today by a delegation representing social service bodies and the Rabbinate which called upon the Police Prefect of Marseille.

The delegation pointed out that the raids produced a state of nervousness approaching panic among the city's refugee population, which for the most part was law-abiding, while they failed to make an impression upon the delinquents among them who were usually able to take successful precautions and escape.

The delegation expressed the hope that its protest would bring a halt to the mass roundups of refugees by the police.

### 150 REFUGEES IN FRANCE REPORTED KILLED RESISTING EXTRADITION

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The American Committee to Save Refugees reports receipt of a cable from the Free German League of Culture in Great Britain advising that 150 German and other refugees from Hitlerism were killed in Le Vernet concentration camp because they protested against the Vichy Government's decision to extradite some of them to Germany and force others to labor on the Trans-Sahara railway.

"According reliable information," the cable said, "extradition of German, Austrian, Sudeten political refugees to Germany decided by Vichy, also transportation of others to North Africa for forced labor on Trans-Saharan railway. One hundred fifty protesting refugees in Vernet alleged shot. Please act. Urgent."

### GIVE JEWS LAND OF THEIR OWN, DUTCH NAZI PAPER URGES

STOCKHOLM, April 20. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam Nazi organ, Het Volk, demands "a radical solution of the Jewish problem" by giving the Jews a land which they may call their own and develop themselves, thereby "eliminating their bad characteristics."

The paper asserts that anti-Jewish measures of German Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart are satisfactory, but the Jews' influence is still great. "They have disappeared from political and administrative life, but continue to exercise some sort of influence in people's minds," it declares. "Their influence can be destroyed only by further penetration of Nazi spirit and ideas in the Netherlands."

### DUTCH THROGGED STREETS, SANG PATRIOTIC SONGS TO PROTEST ARRESTS OF JEWS

ZURICH, April 20. (JTA) -- Additional details of last month's demonstrations in Amsterdam in protest against Nazi anti-Jewish measures were given here today by an eyewitness

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Thousands of Dutch men and women thronged the streets when they learned Jews had been rounded up and were to be imprisoned. The main streets and those leading to the prisons were so crowded that the police vans were unable to proceed to their destinations. The demonstrators sang patriotic songs and hymns praising liberty and resistance to oppression.

#### PALESTINIAN HAILED FOR COURAGE IN ATTACK ON LIBYAN AIRDROME

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- The "magnificent courage" displayed by a young Palestinian member of the Royal Air Force in defense of an advance RAF airdrome in Libya during a heavy raid is praised in the Air Ministry's news bulletin.

With machine-gun bullets tearing up the ground around him, the Palestinian, clad only in pajamas and greatcoat, extinguished small incendiary bombs, put out a fire starting near a British heavy bomber and saved a medium bomber which had caught fire.

#### SEES NO ECONOMIC ANTI-SEMITISM IN INDUSTRIALIZED POST-WAR POLAND

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- Jan Stanczyk, Minister of Labour in the Polish Government in exile, tonight expressed the belief that post-war industrialization of Poland would destroy economic anti-Semitism in that country but declared that the problem of Jewish emigration may become actual after the war.

"I know that among world Jewry the fear exists that anti-Semitism may find expression in a liberated Poland," Stanczyk said tonight in an address before members of the Anglo-Palestine Club. "I am profoundly convinced that it will not."

He added that he was convinced that economic anti-Semitism would be destroyed by the industrialization of Poland in place of the past one-sided structure of an agricultural country.

"But supposing the problem of Jewish emigration becomes actual after the war," he said, "it must be settled in closest collaboration of the world Jewish organizations" by making efforts to obtain areas suitable for immigration where the Jews can create the requisite conditions.

#### LEHMAN SIGNS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL

ALBANY, April 20. (JTA) -- Governor Lehman has signed the Mahoney bill barring discrimination in employment in defense industries because of race, color or creed. In a memorandum the Governor recalled that he had asked for such a bill in his annual message to the Legislature.

The law states: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged to any extent whatsoever in the production, manufacture or distribution of military or naval material, equipment or supplies for the State of New York or for the Federal Government to refuse to employ any person in any capacity on account of race, creed or color of such person."

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ORT HOLDS MEMORIAL FOR BRAMSON

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The American ORT Federation today held a memorial meeting at the New School for Social Research for Dr. Leon Bramson, chairman of the World ORT Union executive committee, who died March 2 in Marseille. Scheduled speakers included Raphael Abramowitz, Abraham Cahan, Alexander Halpern, Adolph Held, Dr. Bernhard Kahn, Dr. David Lvovitch, Dr. L. Oungre, Dr. L. Wulman, Philip Block and Louis B. Boudin, who presided.

HIAS SENDS \$26,000 TO LISBON TO AID REFUGEES

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society announced today that it has cabled \$26,000 to Lisbon for transportation of refugees released from French concentration camps and to conduct refugee-aid work in Lisbon and Marseille. In addition, HIAS cabled \$2,000 to enable a group of Polish Jewish refugees stranded in Constanza, Rumania, to proceed to Palestine and \$1,000 to Shanghai for transportation of a group of refugees to South America.

ZIONIST PARLEY PUT OFF TO SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America henceforth will be held in September, it was decided today at a meeting of the organization's administrative committee.

The change in date will go into effect this year. Conventions previously have been held during the last days of June and the first of July. This year's convention will be held between September 1 and 15 at a place to be designated at the next meeting of the committee.

GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEE SCHOLAR NAMED TO ROYAL SOCIETY

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- Dr. F. Simon, reader in thermodynamics at Oxford University and until 1935 Professor Physical Chemistry at Breslau University, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society, it was announced today.

75 RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS FORM ASSOCIATION HERE

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- A permanent organization embracing 75 religious Jewish schools and affecting more than 15,000 children in the metropolitan area was launched today under the name, Greater New York Association of United Synagogue Schools, at a meeting held at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Organized with the cooperation of the Jewish Education Committee, the Association will seek to better educational methods, prepare syllabi and foster the publication of textbooks and other school material.